



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner initiated interview to request authorization for an amendment to independent claims 1 and 10 to distinguish over Fig. 2 of the Dulle reference which shows a tampon meeting all of the claim limitations of claim 1 except for multiple widths in stepped transition. Examiner advised that the amendment to claims 1 and 10 to recite "multiple sets of widths" wherein "the multiple sets of widths have a stepped transition" would clarify that the varying widths shown in Fig. 2 of Dulle are not in stepped transition as claimed and defined by the disclosure and the proposed amendment to the claims. Examiner also contacted applicant on 9/21/07 to request terminal disclaimers to overcome potential double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent Nos. 7,087,585, 7,087,045, and 7,097,638, as the application was otherwise considered in condition for allowance. .